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FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (TOLBERT, W.R.)

SUBJ: CONFLICT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR DENNIS' VIEW OF TOLBERT

VISIT AND GOL'S

REF: STATE 185352

1. I NOTE IN REFTTEL THAT DENNIS IS STILL FOCUSING ON BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON AIRPORT ARRIVAL. PERHAPS I HAVE MISSED IT SOMEWHERE IN THE TRAFFIC, BUT WE BETTER MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE GOL'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE ITINERARY WE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK.

2. THIS ITINERARY WAS RECONFIRMED BY FONMIN AT OUR SATURDAY EVENING 24 JULY GET TOGETHER WHEN HE SAID IN SHOWING US THE INCOMING TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR DENNIS THAT "BALTIMORE IS OUT, WILLIAMSBURG IS WHERE WE WILL ARRIVE."

3. I AM ALL THE MORE CONVINCED IN MY OWN MIND THAT WILLIAMSBURG ARRIVAL SERVES ALL OF OUR PURPOSES FAR MORE SATISFACTORILY. FOR INSTANCE,
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(A) IT PLACES FIRST DAY OF TOLBERT ARRIVAL IN

A LOW KEY SAVING THE MAJOR IMPACT FOR 22 SEPTEMBER
ARRIVAL ON THE SOUTH LAWN;

(B) IT CONSERVES TOLBERT'S ENERGIES SO THAT HE
CAN BEST DEAL WITH THE RIGORS OF THE 22 WHICH WILL
BE SUBSTANTIAL;

(C) I AM CERTAIN MANDEL HAS HIS OWN FISH TO FRY
AND WOULD EXPLOIT TO THE HILT TOLBERT STOP IN
MARYLAND ON THE 21 THEREBY DILUTING THE IMPACT
REFERRED TO ABOVE.

4. IF THEY WANT TO DO THE BALTIMORE BIT, THIS COULD
COME TOWARD THE END OF THE VISIT.ABRAMS

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